MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Earlier, almost 75% of the exports of deoiled meal were to East Europe. However, with the changes in East Europe as well as emerging oportunities in East Asian countries, the pattern of trade has changed. Exports from China, which is a major exporter, has been dwindling and consequendy, India's share in the deoiled meal market in East Asia is increasing.

Impact of Devalued currency of some countries on Tobacco Growers

4222. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the currency of some of the FCV tobacco producing countries is getting devalued and some of these countries are offloading their stocks at throw away prices, if so, what is its impact on our tobacco growers and what steps are taken to overcome this crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Dunkel Text under GATT

4223. SHRI BHUPENDERSINGH MANN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarre Question 1403 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th August, 1993, and state:

(a) what are the criteria in adopting data relating to the Annexure 2 of the tables as "Agreement on Modalities for Establishment of specific Binding Commitments to part as the text of agriculture as Dunkel Draft"; and

(b) whether its likely impact on the economy of country especially on agricultural sector after being considered by GATT?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The criteria for selecting data in preparation of List of Commitments have been in accorance with the draft text on agriculture. Data for the reference period 1986—88 have been taken from the published sources of Government of India (such as Economic Survey, Annual Reports of Ministry of Agriculture, Trade Statistics from Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics and other relevant published sources). Parameters for which published, sources or information were not available, estimates have been made in consultation with appropriate Government Departments.

Calculations made in accordance with the draft agreement on agriculture show that India is not required to undertake any reduction commitments. Hence on impact on the agricultural sector is envisaged.

Import of Foodgrains

4224. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the estimates of foodgrains likely to be imported during the current year;

(b) what will be the amount spent on such imports;

(c) what are the reasons for this import; and

(d) what steps are being taken to reduce these imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (d) Under the current Export and Import Policy, all foodgrains excluding pulses (other than toxic pulses) are covered by the Negative list of Imports. At present, no proposal to import foodgrains is under consideration.

Import of pulses (other than toxic pulses) is allowed freely. Import of foodgrains will depend upon their production and availability in the country.

Rationalisation in Central Purchase Organisation

4225. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the process of rationalisation in Central Purchase Organisation viz. DGS&D has come to a halt since departure of Shri P. Chidambaram, former Commerce Minister;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to complete rationalisation of DGS&D to save expenditure;

(c) whether Government have identified the areas of duplicity in the context of functioning of DGS&D vis-a-vis other Ministries and their activities in purchasing and inspection field; and

(d) what is Government's position of continuing inspecting wing in DGS&D when most of the users have their own inspection agency functioning as an overall organisation to carry out check on quality aspects of stores as well as final production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) In terms of the Government decision taken towards the end of 1991, the work of procurement against adhoc indents has been transferred from DGS&D to various Central Government Ministries/Departments alongwith the officers and staff dealing with the work. DGS&D will however, continue to handle procurement of common user items which are in regular demand in various Ministries/Departments on rate/running contact basis with the exception of POL Products required by the Ministries of Defence and Railways. DGS&D will also continue to deal with adhoc purchases for the State Governments, Union Territories and Public Sector Undertakings, of so desired by them.

(c) and (d) The roles of DGS&D as the Central Purchase Organisation of the Government and that of the purchase organisations working under the different Ministries are not comparable. DGS&D is responsible for meeting the needs of all the Ministries of Government of India. The functioning of the purchase agencies of other Ministries and user on the other hand, has been designed and is restricted to suit the specific roles and duties assigned to them.

The roles of Inspection Wing of DGS&D and that of Inspection agencies under other Ministries of the Government are similarly not comparable. The inspection agencies under different Ministries have been set up with well defined roles and objectives. The expertise and functioning of various Inspection Agencies does not always overlap with each other.

Inspection of Stores by DGCA against orders placed by D.G.S.&D.

4226. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI :
SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the volume and value of inspection of stores by DGCA through its difference Wing, RITES, DOT and others during the past three years against orders placed by DGS&D;

(b) what is the value of stores rejected and settled at price reduction and that finally rejected at users end and in respect of such agencies; and

(c) the number of cases in which inspection of stores and release of Inspection Notes could not be completed within 14 days time since call with its value and percentage against each item inspected by such agencies during the past three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Inspection of stores against DGS&D contracts is normally undertaken by the Inspection Wing of the DGS&D. However, in some cases the Inspection is carried out by other inspecting agencies also e.g. DGQA, RITES etc. No data/record is being maintained with regard to quantum, value etc. of stores inspected by each of the agencies other than Inspection Wing of the DGS&D against orders placed by the DGS&D. The value of orders inspected by the Inspection Wing of the DGS&D against orders placed by the DGS&D during the last three years is given below :—

Years	Value of stores Inspected (Rs. in Crores)
1990-91	1,434.58
1991-92	1,144.20
1992-93 (upto Dec. 1992)	723.92